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SUMMARY: ROK SPECIAL AMBASSADOR KIM WAS WELL RECIEVED
BY THE DANES WHO WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY REPEAT THEIR
FAVORABLE VOTING PATTERN AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA.
THE DANES CONTINUE TO "EXCHANGE VIEWS" ON THE
KOREAN RESOLUTIONS WITH THE SWEDES BUT BELIEVE
THAT THE LATTER WILL AGAIN ABSTAIN ON THE "HOSTILE"
RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. KOREAN AMBASSADOR CHI-RYANG CHANG INVITED DCM
TO LUNCH SEPT 15 TO MEET KOREAN ROVING AMBASSADOR
KIM KYONG-WON.

2. KIM REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED
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BY DANES AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN A USEFUL EXCHANGE

OF VIEWS WITH FONMIN K.B. ANDERSEN. IN ADDITION, MFA DEP POL DIRECTOR AMBASSADOR DYVIG HAD GIVEN LUNCH FOR KIM AND HIS COLLEAGUE PYUN CHUNG-WYUN. DANES ASSURED KIM THAT THEY WOULD VOTE FOR "FRIENDLY" RESOLUTION AND OPPOSE "HOSTILE" RESOLUTION. NEVERTHELESS, THEY DECLINED TO CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION ON GROUNDS THAT THIS WOULD REDUCE THEIR LEVERAGE WITH OTHER NORDICS. KIM SAID HE UNDERSTOOD DANISH POSITION AND FELT THAT, IF ANYTHING, THEY WERE MORE UNDERSTANDING THIS YEAR THAN LAST. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO HEAVY-HANDED TACTICS BY NORTH KOREANS AS WELL AS NASTY PHRASEOLOGY IN "HOSTILE" RESOLUTION.

3. EMBASSY POL COUNSELOR HAD OCCASION TO SPEAK TO DANES LATER IN DAY ON KOREAN ISSUE. MFA UN CHIEF KLAUS KAPEL COMMENTED ON FAVORABLE IMPRESSION THAT KIM MADE DURING HIS VISIT HERE. KAPEL FOUND HIS PRESENTATION REASONABLE AND "BLESSEDLY SHORT." HE CONTRASTED KIM'S CALL WITH THE HABITUAL TEDIOUS AND HEAVY-HANDED PRESENTATIONS OF THE NORTH KOREANS. KAPEL ADDED THAT THE DANES WERE EXPECTING A VISIT FROM THE NORTH KOREANS ON THE TWO UNGA RESOLUTIONS VERY SOON.

4. KAPEL SAID THAT THE DANES HAD FOUND PARTICULARLY PERSUASIVE KIM'S POINT THE INDISPENSABILITY OF THE EXISTING ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AS A VEHICLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE DENOUEMENT OF THE TREE-CUTTING INCIDENT IN THE DMZ.

5. KAPEL COMMENTED THAT THE PRESENT INTERNAL

SITUATION IN NORTH KOREA WAS NOT THE OBJECT OF ANY PARTICULAR DISCUSSION WITH KIM. KAPEL SAID THAT THE DANES WERE, OF COURSE, AWARE OF RECENT HEIGHTENED INDICATIONS OF INTERNAL PROBLEMS THERE. WHEN ASKED BY THE MFA TO COMMENT ON ANY UNUSUAL MANIFESTATIONS IN NORTH KOREA ITSELF, HOWEVERN DANISH BUSINESSMEN RESIDENT THERE

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(E.G., THOSE CONNECTED WITH THE F.L. SMIDTH CEMENT FACTORY) REPLIED THAT THEY HAD NOT DETECTED ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

6. BASED ON THE TWO EXISTING RESOLUTIONS, KAPEL REAFFIRMED THAT THE DANES WOULD DO AS THEY DID LAST YEAR -- VOTE FOR THE "FRIENDLY" RESOLUTION, AND AGAINST THE "HOSTILE" ONE. THEY WILL NOT

CO-SPONSOR THE "FRIENDLY" RESOLUTION. HE DID
NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT UNEXPECTED PROCEDURAL TACTICS
MIGHT COMPLICATE ISSUE.

7. POL COUNSELOR URGED THE DANES TO ATTEMPT TO
CONVINCE THE SWEDES TO VOTE AGAINST THE
"HOSTILE" RESOLUTION THIS YEAR, NOTING THE
ABSURDITY OF LAST YEAR'S UNGA SITUATION WHEN
BOTH RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED. KAPEL OBSERVED
THAT SUCH AN INCONCISTENCY SHOULD HAVE AN EFFECT
ON THE SWEDES AND NOTED THAT THE DANES CONTINUE TO
"EXCHANGE VIEWS" WITH THEM ON THE KOREAN QUESTION.
KAPEL SAID, HWEVE, THAT REGARDLESS OF THE
OUTCOME OF THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN SWEDEN
HE THOUGHT THAT THE SWEDES WOULD STICK TO THEIR
VOTING PATTERN OF LAST YEAR. (KIM TOLD DCM THAT
KOREAN VISITORS WERE MUCH IMPRESSED BY THEIR
TALKS WITH SWEDES. KOREAN CONCLUSION WAS THAT
SWEDES WOULD PROBABLY STICK TO LAST
YEAR'S PATTERN BUT THAT ELECTORAL CHANGE MIGHT
BE ENOUGH SO THAT SWEDES WOULD OPPOSE "HOSTILE"
RESOLUTION.)
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